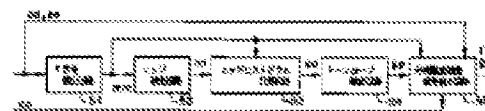


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**PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED:** To keep contrast even when a picture is displayed in a display system with a narrow density contrast by processing a group of pictures consisting of plural pictures, executing gradation correction by each picture in the group of the pictures and compositing each gradation-corrected picture to prepare one picture with wide dynamic range. **SOLUTION:** A gradation correction circuit detects a luminance signal from divided picture information dd, ee outputted from a divided area picture information extracting circuit and detects whether a pixel constitutes an edge or not concerning each pixel in a picture from a luminance signal mm outputted from a Y-signal detecting circuit 51. Based on the edge detecting signal nn of an edge detecting circuit 52 and the signal mm, an edge histogram showing appearing frequency to a luminance level is calculated. This gradation correction makes it possible to compose pictures in the neighborhood of the center of the density range of a wide dynamic range picture to carry out to generate by picture composing processing circuit later.



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